



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

1301 CONSTITUTION AVE, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0082

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** PRUITT, E. SCOTT, ADMINISTRATOR, OA

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** N/A

**PREPARED BY:** SPECIAL AGENT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY  
EVIDENCE**

**NARRATIVE:** On December 4, 2018, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), retrieved the following items from the OI, OIG Washington Field Office (WFO) evidence storage room located at the EPA William J. Clinton Building – (b) (7)(E).

1. 1 Verbatim DVD+R 16X – Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) – Burned June 13, 2018
2. 1 Verbatim DVD+R 16X – Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) – Burned June 7, 2018

The aforementioned items will be retained with the case file. Corresponding evidence custody sheets are attached in the following section of this document [Attachment 1&2].

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. 1 Verbatim DVD+R 16X – Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) – Burned June 13, 2018



evidence custody  
sheet - DVD-R interv

2. 1 Verbatim DVD+R 16X – Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) – Burned June 7, 2018



evidence custody  
sheet - DVD-R inter

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**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
December 4, 2018

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
N/A

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
December 4, 2018

**AGENT(S):**  
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** N/A

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SPECIAL AGENT

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY  
EVIDENCE**

**NARRATIVE:** On December 12, 2018, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), transferred the items listed on the attached evidence custody form to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) OPR, OI, OIG, EPA [Attachment 1].

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Evidence Custody Form – 12DEC2018



evidence custody  
form 12DEC2018.pdf

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December 12, 2018

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
N/A

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**AGENT(S):**  
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**CROSS REFERENCE #:** OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0086

**TITLE:** PRUITT, E. SCOTT, ADMINISTRATOR, OA

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** N/A

**PREPARED BY:** SPECIAL AGENT (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY  
OTHER**

**NARRATIVE:**

On March 14, 2019, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacted former Assistant Special Agent in Charge, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA via telephone to confirm a consultation between ASAC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ).

The purpose of the consultation was to ensure that the USDOJ identified no applicable criminal charges no did they have any prosecutorial interest.

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was informed by former ASAC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) presented the facts of the investigation to the Assistant United States Attorney Sonali Patel, United States Attorney's Office, District of Columbia for consultation. ASAC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that AUSA Patel verbally informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that his office has no prosecutorial interest in this investigation.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- None

**CASE:**  
OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0082

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
March 14, 2019

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
N/A

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
March 15, 2018

**AGENT(S):**  
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** Pruitt, E. Scott Administrator, OA

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** N/A

**PREPARED BY:** Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

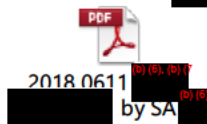
**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY  
OTHER**

**NARRATIVE:**

On June 27, 2018, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Environmental Protection Agency, received an email from Malloy Transcription Service containing a transcript of the OIG interview of former EPA employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [Attachment 1].

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Interview of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Transcript



**CASE:**  
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**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):**  
N/A

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
June 27, 2018

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
July 18, 2018

**AGENT(S):**  
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**DATE:** MARCH 29, 2019

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** PRUITT, E. SCOTT; POLITICAL APPOINTEE, ADMINISTRATOR, OA, EPA

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Other Data</b>
Administrator Scott Pruitt	Washington, DC	N/A

**ALLEGATIONS:**

On April 9, 2018, the Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), received a memorandum from Kevin Minoli (Minoli), Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, EPA. The memorandum, dated April 6, 2018, was issued by the United States Office of Government Ethics and addressed to Minoli. Pursuant to this memorandum, a case was opened to administratively investigate the following allegation: Did Administrator Pruitt have subordinates at the EPA assist him in finding personal housing.

On June 7, 2018, OI expanded the investigation to include the following allegations; (1) Did Administrator Pruitt use his official position and EPA staff to seek a “business opportunities” for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (2) Did Administrator Pruitt enlist subordinates at the EPA secure a mattress for his personal use; and (3) Did Administrator Pruitt have his security detail run personal errands for him.

**FINDINGS:**

All allegations are deemed inconclusive. Administrator Pruitt resigned from the EPA prior to the conclusion of the investigation; therefore, was no longer subject to the administrative Standards of Conduct.

**DISPOSITION:**

Based upon the aforementioned, there are no further investigative steps and this investigation is recommended for closure.





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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

SEP 10 2018

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Mr. Emory A. Rounds III  
Director  
U.S. Office of Government Ethics  
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr. Rounds:

By letter dated June 15, 2018, David J. Apol, then acting Director and General Counsel, U.S. Office of Government Ethics (OGE), requested that my office investigate certain reports in the press of allegations of ethical misconduct by Scott Pruitt, who was at the time the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Apol also referred me to his letter of April 6, 2018, to Kevin Minoli, the EPA's Principal Deputy General Counsel and Designated Agency Ethics Official, in which Mr. Apol had raised concerns of other possible violations of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch (Standards of Conduct) by Mr. Pruitt while in office. Mr. Apol requested that we complete a review of the matters (both the previous ones he had raised in his April 6 letter and the new allegations) "so that [OGE] can decide whether to begin a formal corrective action proceeding in order to make a formal recommendation to the President."

Mr. Pruitt resigned his position as the EPA Administrator on July 5, 2018. Since then, our respective staffs have discussed what appropriate actions should be taken regarding the allegations your office referred to us concerning Mr. Pruitt's compliance with the Standards of Conduct. As you know, administrative penalties for violations of the Standards of Conduct can result in disciplinary action up to and including removal. However, as Mr. Pruitt's resignation precludes his being subject to any such potential administrative penalties with regard to these allegations, we understand that the OGE is no longer requesting that we review Mr. Pruitt's alleged actions for potential administrative violations of the Standards of Conduct. As such, the OIG does not intend to pursue the requests in your April 6 and June 15 letters to the extent that they would constitute administrative violations of the Standards of Conduct.

I would appreciate it if you would please confirm your agreement with our intended approach. If you have any questions about this, please contact Alan Larsen, Counsel to the Inspector General, at (202) 566-2391.

Sincerely,

Arthur A. Elkins Jr.